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LETTER DATED 5 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I regret having to inform you, once again, of repeated and severe Serb artillery attacks on Gorazde, a town designated as a "safe area" by Security Council resolution 836 (1993). Ham radio operators from the town report that Serbian aggressor forces have amassed heavy artillery around the free territory of Gorazde, especially from directions of Visegrad, Foca, Cajnice, Pale and Rogatica.

This most recent assault has been in the making for several days, as indicated by both Government reports and UNPROFOR situation reports. The UNPROFOR situation report of 2 November described the situation in Gorazde as "Tense" while reporting that "Five shells landed in the city". The UNPROFOR situation report the following day states that the situation in Gorazde was "Calm with the exception of the town itself due to the shelling during all the day of 31 October". This period of "calm" was culminated by heavy shelling along the front line, as reported in the UNPROFOR report of 4 November.

Failure to implement Security Council resolution 836 (1993) in the past has encouraged the aggression of the present. To alleviate the future suffering of Gorazde's 63,000 inhabitants, we demand immediate implementation of this resolution.

May I ask for your kind assistance, Excellency, in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative